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# **WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA**



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## TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

*Cover Photo: Cabins near Sacajawea Snow Course  
in Bridger Mountains, Montana.*

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ALL AVERAGES ARE FOR 1958-72 PERIOD

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

WATER SUPPLIES IN NEVADA HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THIS MONTH. SNOW WATER INCREASES ON MOST SNOW COURSES WERE 200 TO 400 PERCENT OF THE NORMAL MONTHLY TOTAL. ALL AREAS IN THE STATE NOW HAVE ABOVE AVERAGE TO MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE SNOWPACKS.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE BEEN INCREASED 15 TO 35 PERCENT ABOVE LAST MONTH. THE TRUCKEE, CARSON, AND WALKER DRAINAGES ARE FORECAST AT 110 TO 130 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. MOST LOW ELEVATION SNOW COURSES HAVE CONSIDERABLY ABOVE AVERAGE WATER CONTENTS. THE HUMBOLDT AND SNAKE RIVER DRAINAGES ARE FORECAST FROM 130 TO 190 PERCENT OF AVERAGE.

RESERVOIR STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS IS 127 PERCENT OF AVERAGE.

## East Slope Sierra Nevada

Snow survey measurements for April 1 show all watersheds have above average snowpacks. The Lake Tahoe watershed has accumulated a snowpack of 162 percent of average. The watershed supplying the Truckee River holds 156 percent of the 1958-72 average. The Carson River watershed contains 145 percent of the normal. The Walker River watershed has a 130 percent of average snowpack, bringing it above normal for the first time this year. Numerous storms during the month increased the water content on many snow courses by 300 percent of the normal monthly increase.

Reservoir storage in all three basins is excellent. Water stored in the Truckee Basin is 143 percent of average. Lahontan is 95 percent full; Bridgeport and Topaz Reservoirs are full.

Streamflow forecasts have been increased substantially to reflect the increased snowpack. The Lake Tahoe rise is forecast at 2.0 feet, April 1 to high. The Truckee River at Farad is forecast at 350,000 acre-feet (131 percent) while the Carson River at Churchill and Carson City is forecast at 126 percent of average. West Walker, East Walker, East Carson, and West Carson are forecast 114 to 118 percent of normal for this date.

### Humboldt and Owyhee Drainages

Snowpack conditions in these drainages are much above average. Many snow course readings approach the maximums on record, which include the years 1969, 1958, and 1952. Streamflow forecasts have been increased to reflect these conditions, with forecasts between 130 to 190 percent of average. The Owyhee River near Owyhee is forecast to flow at 170 percent of normal, while the Humboldt River at Comus is forecast for 144 percent. The low elevation snow courses have considerably above average water contents, and warm weather could melt this snow rapidly.

Reservoir storage is below last year, but still above average. Wild Horse contains 53,000 acre feet, and Rye Patch contains 132,000 acre-feet.

### Eastern and Central Nevada

Water supplies in this area have improved during the month also, with average to above average forecasts. Early season runoff will be above average.

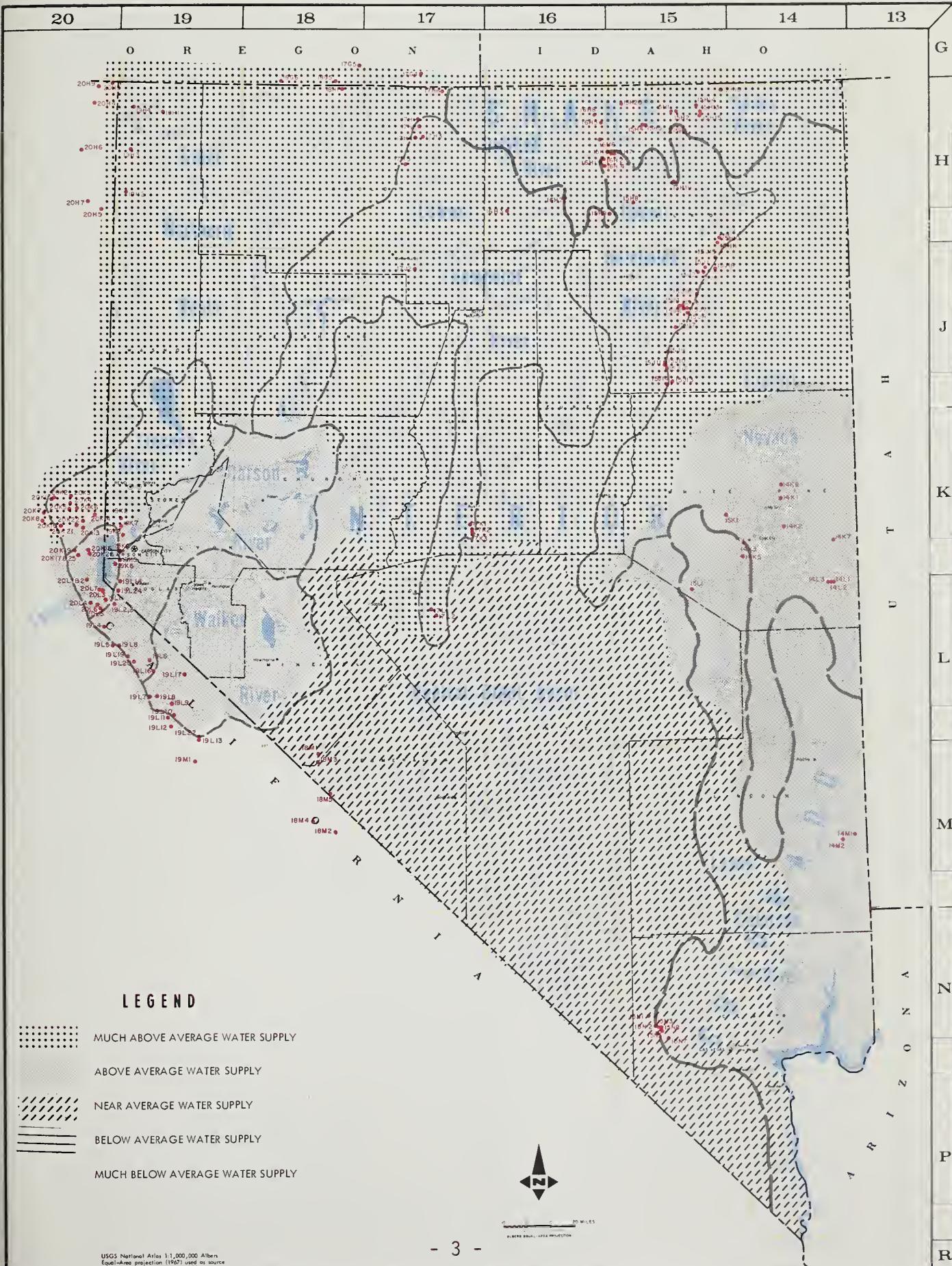
### Northern Great Basin

Snowpack continues to be much above average in northwestern Nevada and the Surprise Valley. Water supplies will be 150 to 175 percent of average.

NOTE: No snow pillow charts are included in this report as the base station and repeater did not operate during the month.



# PROSPECTIVE WATER SUPPLY FOR NEVADA



USGS National Atlas 1:1,000,000 Albers Equal-Area projection (1967) used as source for base map and adapted for SCS use.

# INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES

(By Basins)

Refer to the map on the preceding page for Snow Course locations.

NUMBER NAME SEC. TWP. RGE. ELEV.

## SNAKE RIVER BASIN

### SNAKE RIVER

15H1MA	Bear Creek	31	46N	58E	7800
15H2	Fox Creek	33	46N	58E	6800
15H13A	Goat Creek	31	46N	60E	8800
15H15A	Hummingbird Springs	6	45N	60E	8945
15H20a	Merritt Mountain	10	46N	54E	7000
15H14A	Pole Creek Ranger Station	13	46N	59E	8330
15H18a	Red Point	15	47N	61E	7940
15H3A	76 Creek	6	44N	58E	7100
15H19a	Stag Mountain	29	41N	58E	7800

### OWYHEE RIVER

15H4MP	Big Bend	30	45N	56E	6700
16H6a	Columbia Basin	31	44N	53E	6650
16H8a	Fawn Creek	2	45N	52E	7000
15H5	Gold Creek	32	45N	56E	6600
16H1M	Jack Creek, Lower	18	42N	53E	6800
16H2A	Jack Creek, Upper	9	42N	53E	7250
16H4	Jacks Peak	28	42N	53E	8420
16H5	Laurel Draw	20	45N	53E	6700
17G4a	Louise Canyon (Oreg.)	27	40S	44E	6440
15H9MP	Taylor Canyon	35	39N	53E	6200

## INTERIOR

### UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER

15J17a	American Beauty	32	31N	58E	7800
15J12A	Corral Canyon	27	28N	57E	8500
15J1MP	Dorsey Basin	28	35N	60E	8100
15J3	Ory Creek	5	34N	60E	6500
15H7	Fry Canyon	31	43N	54E	6700
15J9MP	Green Mountain	23	29N	57E	8000
15J10	Harrison Pass #1	9	28N	57E	6600
15J11	Harrison Pass #2	16	28N	57E	7400
15J4	Lamoille #1	15	32N	58E	7100
15J5	Lamoille #2	14	32N	58E	7200
15J6M	Lamoille #3	24	32N	58E	7700
15J7	Lamoille #4	19	32N	59E	8000
15J8P	Lamoille #5	31	32N	59E	8700
15J18a	Pole Canyon	31	35N	61E	9140
15J16a	Robinson Lake	23	33N	59E	9200
15H6MP	Roded Flat	36	43N	53E	6800
15J2	Ryan Ranch	1	34N	59E	5800
15H8	Tremewan Ranch	9	39N	55E	5700
15H10P	Trout Creek, Lower	28	37N	61E	6900
15H11A	Trout Creek, Upper	4	36N	61E	8500

### LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER

17K1	Big Creek Camp Ground	10	17N	43E	6600
17K2	Big Creek Mine	23	17N	43E	7600
17K3	Big Creek, Upper	26	17N	43E	7800
17H2	Buckskin, Lower	25	45N	39E	6700
17H1	Buckskin, Upper	11	45N	39E	8200
17L1	Corral, Lower	12	11N	40E	7500
17L2	Corral, Upper	20	11N	41E	8000
17J2	Golconda #2	22	35N	39E	6000
17H4	Granite Peak	22	44N	39E	7800
17H5	Lamance Creek	13	42N	38E	6000
17H3	Martin Creek	18	44N	40E	6700
16H3AP	Midas	18	39N	46E	7200
16H7	Toe Jam a	29	40N	50E	7700

### EASTERN NEVADA

14L1	Baker #1	29	13N	69E	7950
14L2	Baker #2	30	13N	69E	8950
14L3	Baker #3	25	13N	68E	9250
14K2	Berry Creek	26	17N	65E	9100
14K1	Bird Creek	34	19N	65E	7500
15J13	Cave Creek	25	27N	57E	7500
15J14	Hazer Canyon	34	27N	57E	8000
15J15	Hoie-In-Mountain	6	35N	61E	7900
14K8	Kalamazoo Creek	34	20N	65E	7400
14K3	Murray Summit	25	16N	62E	7250
15K1	Robinson Summit	34	18N	61E	7600
14K7	Silver Creek #2	30	16N	69E	8000
14K5	Ward Mountain #2	25	15N	62E	8900

### CENTRAL GREAT BASIN

18M2	Campito Mountain (Cal.)	19	55	35E	10200
18H5a	Chiatovich Flat	32	25	34E	10500
15N2	Clark Canyon	8	19S	56E	9000
18M1	Montgomery Pass	4	1N	33E	7100
18M3a	Pinchot Creek	28	1N	33E	9300
18M4a	Piute Pass (Cal.)	33	45	33E	11700
15N1	Trough Springs	23	18S	55E	8500

### NORTHERN GREAT BASIN

19H1	Bald Mountain	17	45N	21E	6720
20H5	Barber Creek (Cal.)	23	39N	16E	6500
20H6	Cedar Pass (Cal.)	12	43N	14E	7100
18G6a	Denio Creek (Oreg.)	14	41S	34E	6000
18H1	Disaster Peak	8	47N	34E	6500
20H3a	Oismal Swamp (Cal.)	31	48N	17E	7000
20H7	Eagle Peak (Cal.)	35	40N	15E	7200
19H3	49-Mountain	7	42N	19E	6000
19H2	Hays Canyon	1	39N	18E	6400
19H4a	Little Bally Mountain	8	45N	19E	6000
20H9	Mt. Bidwell	6	47N	16E	7200
17G5a	Oregon Canyon (Oreg.)	9	40S	40E	7240
17H6a	Quinn Ridge	9	47N	41E	6300
20H4	Reservation Creek (Cal.)	12	46N	15E	5900
18G5a	Trout Creek (Oreg.)	10	41S	38E	7800

NUMBER NAME SEC. TWP. RGE. ELEV.

## LAKE TAHOE

20L6STZ	Echo Peak	35	12N	17E	7800
20L5	Echo Summit (Cal.)	6	11N	18E	7450
20L7stz	Fallen Leaf (Cal.)	36	13N	17E	6300
19L2	Freeel Bench (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	7300
19K6	Glenbrook (Cal.)	13	14N	18E	6900
19L3MSZ	Hagans Meadow (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	8000
20L4	Lake Lucille (Cal.)	28	12N	17E	8200
19K4MSTZ	Marlette Lake	18	15N	19E	8000
20L3	Richards #2 (Cal.)	6	12N	18E	6500
20L1	Rubicon #1 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	8100
20L2	Rubicon #2 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	7500
20K16	Tahoe City (Cal.)	6	15N	17E	6250
20K26	Tahoe City Alt. (Cal.)	7	15N	17E	6300
20K27	Tahoe City Cross (Cal.)	1	15N	16E	6750
19L1	Upper Truckee (Cal.)	21	12N	18E	6400
20K17M	Ward Creek (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	7000
20K25STZ	Ward Creek #2 (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	6750

## TRUCKEE RIVER

20K14	Boca #2 (Cal.)	28	18N	17E	5900
20K22	Brockway Summit (Cal.)	3	17N	16E	7100
20K21	Donner Park #2 (Cal.)	18	17N	16E	6000
20K10	Donner Summit (Cal.)	25	17N	14E	6900
20K7*	Fordyce Lake (Cal.)	34	18N	13E	6500
20K8*	Furnace Flat (Cal.)	10	17N	13E	6700
20K4MSTPZ	Independence Camp (Cal.)	34	19N	15E	7000
20K3	Independence Creek (Cal.)	14	19N	15E	6500
20K5	Independence Lake (Cal.)	9	19N	15E	8450
19K3	Little Valley	17	16N	19E	6300
19K2	Mt. Rose	7	17N	19E	9000
19K7	Mt. Rose Ski Area	30	17N	19E	9000
20K6	Sage Hen Creek (Cal.)	7	18N	16E	6500
20K19	Squaw Valley #2 (Cal.)	6	15N	16E	7500
20K13M	Truckee #2 (Cal.)	22	17N	16E	6400
20K2*	Webber Lake (Cal.)	29	19N	14E	7000
20K1*	Webber Peak (Cal.)	30	19N	14E	8000

## CARSON RIVER

19L5	Blue Lakes (Cal.)	30	9N	19E	8000
19L4	Carson Pass, Upper (Cal.)	22	10N	18E	8600
19K5	Clear Creek	6	14N	19E	7300
19L8	Ebbetts Pass (Cal.)	17	8N	20E	8700
19L6a	Fish Valley, Upper (Cal.)	1	7N	22E	8050
19L06a	Poison Flat (Cal.)	25	8N	21E	7900
19L18AS	Wolf Meadow Lake (Cal.)	26	9N	19E	8100
19L20a	Wolf Creek (Cal.)	35	8N	20E	8000

## WALKER RIVER

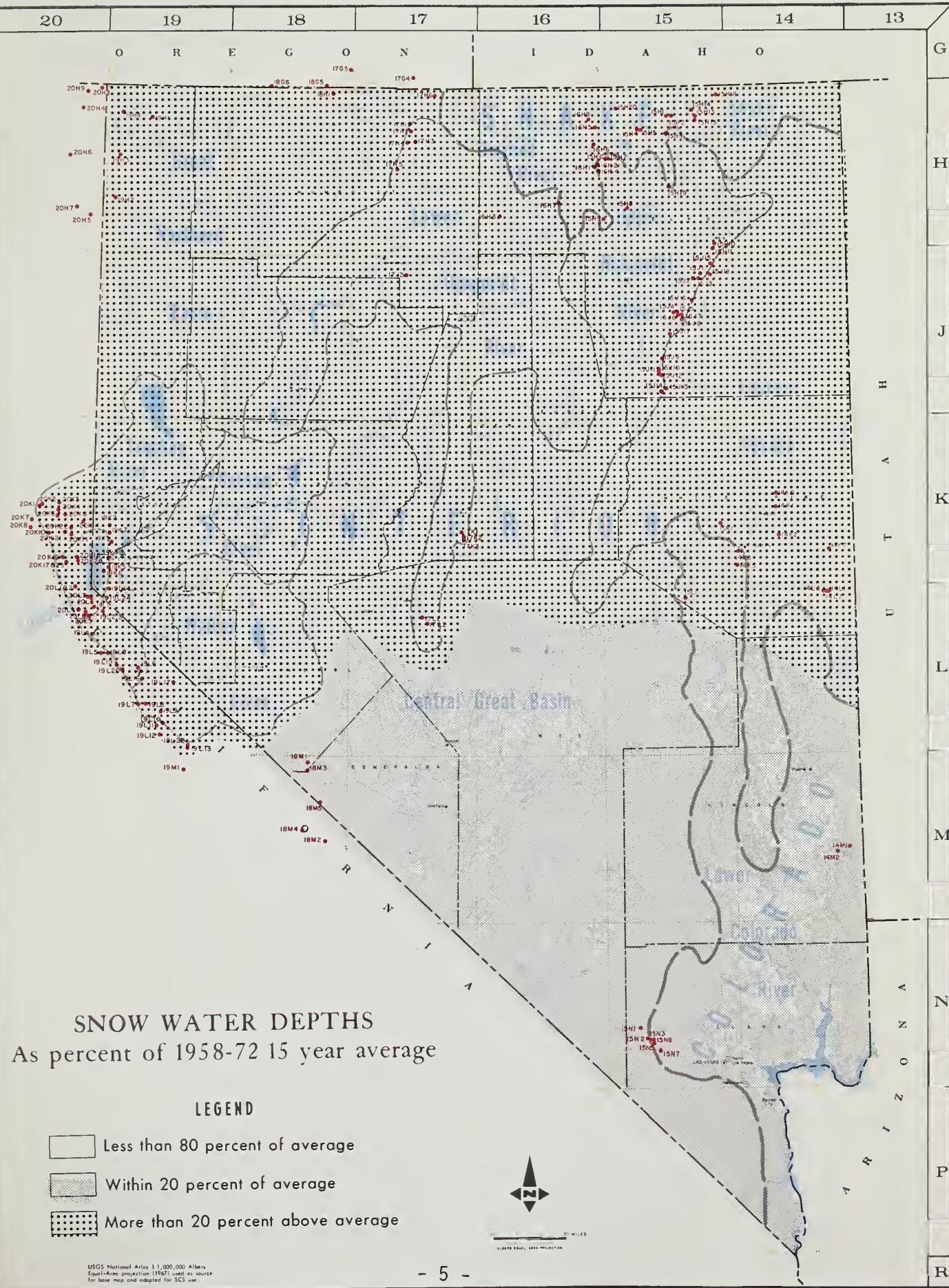
19L11	Buckeye Forks (Cal.)	20	4N	23E	8500
19L10	Buckeye Roughs (Cal.)	15	4N	23E	7900
19L12A	Center Mountain (Cal.)	4	3N	23E	9400
19L8	Leavitt Meadows (Cal.)	4	5N	22E	7200
19L17a	Lobdell Lake (Cal.)	20	7N	24E	9200
19L7M	Sonora Pass (Cal.)	1	5N	21E	8800
19M1*	Tioga Pass (Cal.)	30	1N	25E	9900
19L13	Virginia Lakes (Cal.)	5	2N	25E	9500
19L22MSZ	Virginia Lakes Ridge	32	3N	25E	9200
19L9	Willow Flat (Cal.)	21	5N	23E	8250

## COLORADO

### LOWER COLORADO RIVER

15N5	Kyle Canyon	27	195	56E	8200
15N3	Lee Canyon #2	9	195	56E	9200
15N8	Lee Canyon #3	10	195	56E	8500
14M1	Mathew Canyon	10	65	70E	6000
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# SNOW WATER DEPTHS



# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: April 1, 1975

Forecasts are based on snow-water presently stored in the mountain watersheds and the assumption that precipitation will be near average throughout the forecast period. Peak flow forecasts indicate the most probable range for the maximum average 24-hour flow. All averages are for 1958-72 period.

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average +
<u>TRUCKEE RIVER</u>				
Little Truckee River above Boca, CA <sup>1</sup>	April-July	115	129	89
Truckee River at Farad, CA <sup>1, 2</sup>	April-July	350	131	267
Lake Tahoe <sup>2</sup> Rise in Feet (assuming gates April-High closed)	April-High	2.0	137	1.46
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>				
East Carson near Gardnerville, NV	April-July	215	118	182
West Carson at Woodfords, CA	April-July	60	118	52
Carson River near Carson City, NV	April-July	225	126	178
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>				
East Walker near Bridgeport, CA <sup>1</sup>	April-Aug.	80	118	68
West Walker below Little Walker near Coleville, CA	April-July	165	114	145
<u>COLORADO RIVER</u>				
Virgin River at Virgin, UT	April-June	55	115	48
<u>HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>				
Lamoille Creek near Lamoille, NV	April-July	38	136	28
South Fork Humboldt near Elko, NV	April-July	94	142	66
Marys River above Hot Springs, NV	April-July	52	153	34
North Fork Humboldt at Devils Gate, NV	April-July	60	187	32
Humboldt River at Palisade, NV	April-July	250	130	193
Humboldt River at Comus, NV	April-July	215	144	149
Martin Creek near Paradise, NV	April-July	30	187	16

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: April 1, 1975

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average +
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>				
Owyhee River near Owyhee, NV <sup>1</sup>	April-July	115	169	68
Owyhee River near Gold Creek, NV <sup>1</sup>	April-July	35	194	18
Salmon Falls Creek near San Jacinto, NV	March-July	98	122	80
	March-Sept.	102	122	84
<u>SURPRISE VALLEY</u>				
Bidwell Creek near Fort Bidwell, CA	April-July	17.0	148	11.5
Mill Creek near Cedarville, CA	April-July	7.0	149	4.7
Deep Creek near Cedarville, CA	April-July	7.0	212	3.3
Eagle Creek near Eagleville, CA	April-July	7.1	161	4.4

1 Corrected for storage

2 Forecast issued by Truckee Basin Water Committee

**PEAK FLOWS** (MAXIMUM MEAN DAILY) (Av. flow for 24 hrs. on day of greatest flow)

FORECAST POINT	PEAK FLOW (SECOND FEET)		
	Forecast Range	Average	+
Little Truckee River - Inflow to Stampede Reservoir	1140-1440	910	
East Fork Carson River near Gardnerville, NV	1800-2200	1728	
Carson River near Carson City, NV	2300-2600	1901	
Carson River near Fort Churchill, NV	1850-2150	1730	
West Walker River below Little Walker near Coleville, CA	1500-1800	1532	

**FORECAST DATE of LOW FLOW VALUES**

FORECAST POINT	Low Flow Value Second/Ft.	Forecast Date Stream Will Recede to Low Flow Value	Average Date of Low Flow Value
East Carson River near Gardnerville, NV	200	7/26	7/20

**SOIL MOISTURE MEASUREMENTS**

STATION	Profile (Inches)		Soil Moisture (Inches)		
	Depth	Capacity	Date	This Year	Average
<u>OWYHEE-HUMBOLDT BASIN</u>					
Bear Creek	72	16.9	NS	-	11.5 *
Big Bend	48	16.7	4/1	14.0	15.0 *
Rodeo Flat	42	11.0	4/1	6.6	8.4 *
Taylor Canyon	48	15.1	4/1	10.4	12.9 *
<u>TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN</u>					
Independence Camp	34	6.1	3/29	2.8	4.6 *
Marlette Lake	50	3.7	NS	-	2.9 *
<u>WALKER BASIN</u>					
Sonora Pass	48	8.3	3/30	6.1	7.5 *
Virginia Lakes Ridge	40	5.0	3/30	2.0	2.1 *

\* Adjusted average

+ 1958-1972 period.

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) as of April 1, 1975

Basin or Stream	RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
			This Year	Last Year	Average <sup>+</sup>
Owyhee	Wild Horse	72	53	65	23
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	157	132	152	105
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,603	1,638	1,675
Colorado	Mead	27,217	19,764	19,482	16,926
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	554	622	456
Truckee	Boca	41	26	33	15
Truckee	Stampede	220	167	203	**
Truckee	Prosser ***	30	9	10	8 *
Carson	Lahontan	291	279	275	218
West Walker	Topaz	59	48	60	43
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	42	43	33

\* Adjusted average

\*\* Storage began August 1, 1969

\*\*\* Flood control use allocation of 20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 10.

TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet)

MONTH	This Year	Last Year	Average <sup>+</sup>
October 1	961	820	718
January 1	900	1015	714
February 1	936	1147	782
March 1	1040	1103	843
April 1	1134	1250	893
May 1		1247	934

+ 1958-1972 period.

The above data developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Tapaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1,000 Acre-Feet.

TOTAL USABLE CAPACITY 1,394

## SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Last Year	Average +
<u>LAKE TAHOE</u>						
Echo Summit (CA)	3/28	117	43.1	36.4	34.0	
Freel Bench (CA)	3/30	50	19.9	10.1	10.2	
Glenbrook #2	3/29	56	18.0	10.6	11.2	
Hagans Meadow	3/30	75	26.0	22.3	16.7	
Heavenly Valley	3/30	105	39.4	31.6	-	
Lake Lucille (CA)	4/1	176	65.0	74.3	58.4	
Marlette Lake	3/28	92	31.6	26.6	21.0	
Richardsons #2 (CA)	3/29	69	23.5	17.5	15.3	
Rubicon #1 (CA)	4/1	169	61.5	62.9	48.9	
Rubicon #2 (CA)	4/1	106	38.6	36.4	29.8	
Tahoe City (CA)	3/27	58	23.9	6.5	8.0	
Tahoe City Alternate (CA)	3/27	61	22.8	5.0	-	
Tahoe City Cross (CA)	3/27	84	31.3	21.6	-	
Upper Truckee (CA)	3/30	41	16.6	3.1	8.1	
Ward Creek #2 (CA)	3/29	139	52.9	59.0	42.7	
Ward Creek #3 (CA)	4/1	128	51.7	45.9	-	
<u>TRUCKEE RIVER</u>						
Boca #2 (CA)	3/30	33	12.7	0.4	4.3	
Brockway Summit (CA)	3/28	79	25.9	17.6	16.2	*
Donner Park #2 (CA)	3/30	67	26.2	12.3	17.2	*
Donner Summit (CA)	3/27	143	55.8	42.1	36.4	
Fordyce Lake (CA)	3/29	145	63.7	44.5	38.2	*
Furnace Flat (CA)	3/29	116	68.5	52.0	47.7	*
Independence Camp (CA)	3/29	91	30.2	31.8	22.6	
Independence Creek (CA)	3/29	59	21.8	13.7	12.9	
Independence Lake (CA)	3/29	140	44.5	55.4	42.5	
Little Valley	3/26	42	14.8	2.5	7.4	*
Mount Rose	3/28	114	42.5	37.6	35.9	
Mount Rose Ski Area	3/26	146	51.2	51.2	-	
Sage Hen Creek (CA)	3/28	72	26.5	18.5	17.7	
Squaw Valley #2 (CA)	3/29	161	60.3	61.4	47.3	
Truckee #2 (CA)	3/28	69	23.1	13.1	14.5	
Webber Lake	3/31	110	41.2	32.0	28.6	*
Webber Peak	3/31	144	55.2	48.5	43.0	*
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>						
Blue Lakes	3/29	122	42.7	35.8	36.3	
Carson Pass, Upper (CA)	3/31	109	41.1	35.0	35.5	
Clear Creek	3/26	62	19.3	9.8	12.4	
Ebbetts Pass (CA)	3/30	112	39.2a	48.0a	25.2	*
Fish Valley, Upper (CA)	3/30	61	21.4a	14.0a	12.7	*
Poison Flat	3/30	62	21.7	17.1	12.4	*
Wet Meadows Lake (CA)	3/30	91	34.6a	24.8a	24.2	*
Wet Meadows #2 (CA)	3/30	113	43.7	34.1	-	
Wolf Creek (CA)	3/30	96	33.6a	33.6a	25.8	*

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## WALKER RIVER

Buckeye Forks (CA)	NS	-	-	25.8	21.1
Buckeye Roughs (CA)	3/31	62	21.0	23.1	19.1
Center Mountain	3/30	134	42.0a	40.5	36.0
Leavitt Meadow (CA)	3/30	34	14.1	2.7	7.0
Lobdell Lake	3/30	72	23.0a	18.7a	14.9
Sonora Pass (CA)	3/30	87	30.6	28.5	23.8
Tioga Pass (CA)	3/27	73	25.3	26.4	24.7
Virginia Lakes (CA)	3/30	52	16.5	18.3	17.2
Virginia Lakes Ridge (CA)	3/30	63	20.6	20.3	-
Willow Flat (CA)	3/30	46	15.6	9.5	10.0

## NORTHERN GREAT BASIN

Bald Mountain	3/31	15	5.0	6.6	2.5
Barber Creek (CA)	3/28	60	20.8	16.4	10.5
Cedar Pass (CA)	3/24	73	24.5	21.3	15.6
Denio Creek (OR)	3/29	T	0.0a	0.0a	0.2 *
Disaster Peak	3/30	65	25.8	14.2	10.8
Dismal Swamp (CA)	3/28	79	23.7a	24.2a	18.5 *
Eagle Peak (CA)	4/2	67	24.4	20.0	13.9
49 Mountain	3/23	21	6.5	1.8	2.5
Hays Canyon	3/28	28	9.9	0.0	2.5
Little Bally Mountain	3/28	22	7.2a	1.9a	1.6 *
Mount Bidwell	3/26	93	32.3	25.6	-
North Star	3/26	72	24.1	15.4	-
Oregon Canyon (OR)	3/29	15	5.2a	4.4a	4.1 *
Quinn Ridge	3/29	21	7.4a	0.0a	0.8 *
Reservation Creek (CA)	3/27	54	19.7	12.6	10.1
Trout Creek (OR)	3/29	48	16.3a	9.2a	7.3

## SNAKE RIVER

Bear Creek	3/30	77	28.3a	20.9	21.0
Fox Creek	NS	-	-	8.0	9.4
Goat Creek	3/30	66	21.0	18.8	18.8
Hummingbird Springs	3/30	81	26.4	25.4	23.6
Merritt Mountain	4/2	34	10.8a	4.5a	4.2 *
Pole Creek Ranger Station	3/30	80	29.2	21.9	20.6
Red Point	NS	-	-	13.6	10.3 *
76 Creek	4/2	45	15.8a	12.9	11.6 *
Stag Mountain	4/2	33	11.0a	6.1a	3.7 *

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<u>OWYHEE RIVER</u>						
Big Bend	4/1	43	14.8	11.2	8.1	
Columbia Basin	4/2	42	13.5a	6.5a	5.9 *	
Fawn Creek	4/2	26	8.3a	7.4a	2.5 *	
Gold Creek	4/1	28	9.4	5.1	4.9	
Jack Creek, Lower	4/1	25	8.5	0.0	2.5	
Jack Creek, Upper	4/1	46	15.8	9.2	10.0	
Jacks Peak	NS	-	-	25.1	24.6	
Laurel Draw	3/29	44	15.1	7.0	6.5 *	
Louse Canyon (OR)	3/29	45	15.3	5.7a	1.9 *	
Taylor Canyon	4/1	28	9.6	0.0	2.7	
<u>UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>						
American Beauty	4/2	32	10.0a	9.1a	7.2	
Corral Canyon	4/2	64	22.5a	18.7a	18.0	
Dorsey Basin	4/2	68	24.6	13.6	12.3	
Dry Creek	4/2	23	7.3	0.0	1.8	
Fry Canyon	4/1	32	11.5	6.8	5.3	
Green Mountain	NS	-	-	14.3	12.2	
Harrison Pass #1	NS	-	-	0.0	2.4	
Harrison Pass #2	NS	-	-	2.5	4.4	
Lamoille #1	NS	-	-	8.2	7.6	
Lamoille #2	NS	-	-	8.8	7.8	
Lamoille #3	4/4	59	21.1	13.1	11.6	
Lamoille #4	4/4	74	25.7	20.1	18.0	
Lamoille #5	4/4	94	35.8	32.0	27.3	
Pole Canyon	NS	-	-	-	8.8 *	
Robinson Lake	4/2	96	35.5a	-	23.1 *	
Rodeo Flat	4/1	31	11.6	5.5	5.1	
Ryan Ranch	4/2	0	0.0	0.0	0.4	
Tent Mountain	4/2	87	30.5a	24.8a	20.2	
Tremewan Ranch	4/1	0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
Trout Creek, Lower	4/2	29	8.8	1.0	2.4	
<u>LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>						
Big Creek Campground	3/31	3	0.9	0.0	0.5	
Big Creek Mine	3/31	33	11.1	4.6	2.9	
Big Creek, Upper	3/31	41	13.5	6.0	5.2	
Buckskin, Lower	3/30	42	16.2	4.7	7.4	
Buckskin, Upper	NS	-	-	6.9	10.4	
Corral, Upper	NS	-	-	NS	2.2 *	
Golconda #2	NS	-	-	0.1	2.8	
Granite Peak	NS	-	-	13.7	15.4 *	
Lamance Creek	3/31	43	17.3	0.1	7.0	
Martin Creek	NS	-	-	6.3	9.1	
Midas	4/2	4	1.2a	0.5a	2.7	
Toe Jam	4/2	48	14.4a	8.9a	6.8 *	

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EASTERN NEVADA

Baker #1	4/4	37	9.8	4.0	5.8
Baker #2	NS	-	-	11.2	13.8
Baker #3	3/31	72	24.0a	14.4a	15.8
Berry Creek	NS	-	-	14.1	14.5
Bird Creek	NS	-	-	1.9	2.2
Hole-in-Mountain	NS	-	-	25.3	22.7
Kalamazoo Creek	NS	-	-	7.6	5.4
Mount Defiance	3/31	60	18.0a	21.5a	-
Murray Summit	3/25	10	2.8	0.0	1.6
Robinson Summit	3/25	6	1.6	0.0	0.9
Silver Creek #2	3/31	20	6.0a	4.8a	4.9
Ward Mountain #2	3/31	30	9.0a	5.6a	9.3
White River #1	3/24	14	4.2	0.0	1.3 *

CENTRAL GREAT BASIN

Campito Mountain (CA)	3/27	7	1.8	5.0	4.0 *
Chiatovich Flat	NS	-	-	2.3a	3.9 *
Clark Canyon	3/25	27	8.3	6.1	6.7
Montgomery Pass	3/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.8 *
Pinchot Creek	NS	-	-	1.8a	1.2 *
Piute Pass	3/30	127	49.2	2.0a	4.9 *
Trough Springs	3/27	25	7.0	3.2	4.2 *

LOWER COLORADO RIVER

Kyle Canyon	3/24	24	6.7	7.1	7.4
Lee Canyon #2	3/24	32	9.1	5.6	8.0
Lee Canyon #3	3/24	23	7.7	5.1	6.6 *
Mathew Canyon	3/31	2	0.8	0.1	0.6
Pine Canyon	NS	-	-	0.1	0.5
Rainbow Canyon #2	3/24	37	10.4	13.1	14.1

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